[Mr. M. Sivatanu Pillai.]

(*c*) whether the foundation for the building was laid in 1098, and also building materials were collected and Mr. A. Gurunatha Martanda Nadar, the manager of the proposed institution, executed an agreement accepting the conditions of the Director of Public Instruction; and

(*d*) why the Ag. Director reversed the previous order?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. A report on the subject was received from the Director of Public Instruction.

(*b*) Yes. It was sanctioned by the Director of Public Instruction on the understanding that the site for the proposed school belonged, as stated by the applicant, to the local Vinayakar temple of which his family was the trustee.

(*c*) Yes. Foundation stone was laid for the proposed school on unregistered *poramboke* land and building materials were also collected.

Mr. Nadar has executed no agreement with the Department. He has given the usual financial guarantee which the manager of every new private school has to give binding himself to make, if required of him, an annual contribution of Rs. 300 for the support of the school over and above the fee income from the school.

(*d*) The Acting Director did not exactly reverse the previous orders on the subject, but refused to grant Mr. Nadar's request for permission to put up a building for the proposed school on *poramboke* land, in view of the fact that there was no real demand for an English School at Agastisvaram.

Recruitment of High Court Judges.

10. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state whether they have laid down at the time of Sir P. Rajagopalachariar that one-third of the Judges in the High Court should be *Marumakkattayis*?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is in the negative.

Puttallom Salt Factory.

11. **MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*):

(1) With reference to the Puttallom salt factory, will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing—

(*a*) the quantities of salt manufactured every year since its opening; and

(*b*) the yearly income to the Government in the shape of recoveries?

(2) Will they be pleased to state why the output has been steadily going down?

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MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*): (1) (*a*) The member is referred to Appendix XV of the Administration Report of the Excise Department for the several years.

(*b*) The average annual income during the last 5 years under 'recoveries' is Rs. 5,476.

(2) The decrease in the output is reported to be due to the neglect of the factory by its licensees who are disunited among themselves and cannot take concerted action for the improvement of the factory.

Arrears due from Salt Licensees.

12. **MR. S. SUBRAHMANYA KARAYALAR** (*Pattanapuram* cum *Shencotta*): (1) Will the Government be pleased to place on the table a statement showing the arrears of salt due to Government from the licensees of the several factories in Tamaracolam up to the end of 1101?

(2) Are the Government aware that the Excise Commissioner has permitted the licensee of the Cape Comorin Company Allom and some licensees of Avadhanial's factory to sell the salt manufactured during the two working seasons of the current year (1102) without demanding the respective arrears due from them?

(3) What is the money value (value of recoveries), in the case of the above-said two factories, of the arrears of salt due to Government?

(4) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Excise Commissioner is competent to excuse payment of the arrears of salt due from the licensees of the Company Allom and Avadhanial's Allom or to allow the arrears to accumulate?

MR. P. N. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government*):

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(1) Avadhanial's Factory	85,910
Cape Comorin General Traffic Co.	1,14,772
Sri Mulagopalanathan Allom	94,469
Sri Mulakrishnamony Allom	62,339
Sri Sankara Allom	15,000
Dr. Sankaramurthi Pillai's Allom	2,298
Kumari Allom	3,954
Total	3,78,742

(2) The Cape Comorin General Traffic Company and some of the licensees of Avadhanial's factory were permitted to sell a portion of the salt manufactured by them during Purattasi *pani* and Tai *pani* 1102, as they were in financial difficulties consequent on the floods of 1101. It was found necessary in the interests of the salt industry to render such relief.

(3) Bh. Rs. 52,310 and annas 4.

(4) No gifts of the arrears due from the licensees were made to them by the Excise Commissioner but an *extension of time* for the payment of the arrears was alone allowed as ordered by the Government on the applications of these and other licensees for remission.

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